

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Before line 1 of the specification, please insert the following new paragraph:

This application is a Continuation of co-pending Application No. 08/952,741, filed on November 25, 1997, and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; and this application claims priority of International Application No. PCT/JP96/01647 filed on June 14, 1996 under 35 U.S.C. § 371, which claims priority of Application No. 147257/1995 filed in Japan on June 14, 1995 under 35 U.S.C. § 119; the entire contents of all are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 5, last line with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 3 shows nucleotide sequences of primers used (SEQ ID NOS: 3-11).